

COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO.  TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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1. In early October 1952, Stendal-Borstel airfield was occupied by about 70 Il-10s, about 12 of which had red propeller hubs, while the remainder had gray propeller hubs. Four Il-2s in addition to several biplanes and twin-engine aircraft were also observed at the field.<sup>1</sup>
2. A wire fence, about 2.4 meters high was being built around the field. Two hangars in the northwestern portion of the field were torn down in 1951. The repair hangar was the easternmost hangar. A small building opposite the repair hangar was also assigned to this repair hangar. The flight control and a weather station were in a permanent building between the two western hangars. The airfield quarters were in the wooded area north of the hangars. They consisted of three-story brick buildings. Artillery units were also quartered there. The target range, having some lanes were still being used, was in the northwestern corner of the field at the end of the concrete taxiway. No fuel dump was known to exist in the woods north of the hangars. The main fuel dump was located at the spur track on the west side of the airfield, immediately north of the small patch of woodland in which an ammunition dump had been established. Three single-story temporary buildings, each measuring 30x10 meters were available at the ammunition dump where 500, about 50 kg, bombs were stored.
3. The railroad connection of the field was called Stendal-East. The spur track branched off from the main railroad line shortly before Borstel. The loading ramp was in the wooded area in the northern section of the field. Previously the spur track ran around the entire field. However, sections of this track were dismantled after 1945. Five radio towers, one of them fitted with a basket, were seen in the northeastern corner of the field opposite the repair hangar. Aircraft revetments for one aircraft each had been built around the field. The revetments were still empty, because all the planes were parked at the northern edge of the installation.
4. Three AA emplacements of 37-mm guns were observed at the field. Eight AA machine guns on tripods were also observed. The crews wore red-bordered black epaulets with crossed gun barrels. According to local residents, heavier AA guns were also available at the field. However, source had not yet observed them.<sup>2</sup>

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- 25X1A 1. ☐ Comment. According to observations made by another source, Stendal-Darstel airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment and an air reconnaissance regiment which are equipped with IL-10s. In early October, the same source observed individual aircraft of the air transport regiment from Staaken in Stendal. It is believed that these planes were in Stendal for training purposes.
- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. It is believed that source's observations regarding the light AA guns at the field are correct, as available information indicates that each airfield occupied by fighter and ground attack units is protected by about three AAA batteries of 6x37-mm guns each. Heavy AA guns have only been observed at airfields occupied by bomber units.

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